

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-7, 10, 12-20, and 25-34 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to pursue in a continuation application.

Each of claims 8, 9, 11, 21, 22, and 24 has been amended for reasons unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more elements implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim, to detect infringement more easily, to enlarge the scope of infringement, to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.), to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest, to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments, to enlarge the royalty base of the claim, to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace, and/or to target the claim to a particular industry. ?

Claims 8, 9, 11, 21, 22, and 24 are now pending in this application. Claims 8, 9, 11, 21, 22, and 24 are the independent claims. ↓

**CONCLUSION**

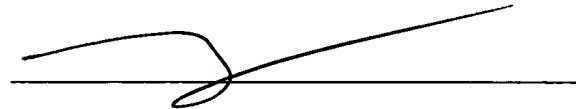
It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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